

JOHN STOKES WEBB.

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History

John Stokes Webb, who was the son of William Webb, and Emma Stokes, was born in Whipsnade, Bedford, England, on the 20th day of November, 1831. He was engaged as a farm laborer until the time of leaving his native land. His father's family did not belong to any denomination and when in 1847, elders of the Church came to Studham, his mother and sister became converted to the gospel.

His father was very bitter toward the elders and made many threats against them, but was finally persuaded to go and hear them, and was in due time converted and baptized. John was baptized on the 17th day of April, 1848, and soon after was ordained and sent out as a traveling elder.

He was married to Hannah Grace on February 18, 1854, in Studham and, in company with his wife, left his home on March 10, 1854, for Liverpool, where they were detained for nearly a month and then set sail on the steamship "Marshfield" in company with 366 other Saints under the direction of William Taylor, on April 8, 1854.

After a long and tiresome journey they arrived in Salt Lake City in the fall of 1854. He was engaged to work for President Brigham Young for one year, coming to Lehi in the fall of 1855. His family lived for the following five years in a dug-out on the west side of what is now Block 18, Plat "A," Lehi City Survey of building lots, where his three oldest children were born. Food and clothing being very scarce, they endured many hardships in the early history of Lehi.

He followed the occupation of farming and was quite successful in this line. He was also a director and general water master in the Lehi Irrigation Company. Mr. Webb was a block teacher and a Sunday School worker for a great many years and held the office of a seventy at the time of his death.

John Stokes Webb was a strong Democrat, and was a great student of

history, being familiar with the names of all the Presidents and leading Senators of the United States. He was the father of nine children, a quiet, unassuming man, and respected by all. . He died January 27, 1899.